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NSC PRESS TODAY.
INR BEGIN TEXT. VIET-NAM PRESS , 8 MAY. GENERAL CAO VAN
EB VIEN, CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF, THIS MORNING IN AN
AID INTERVIEW GIVEN TO A CORRESPONDENT OF VIET-NAM PRESS,
STATED: "ARVN IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY. THEREFORE, ARVN
RSR WILL NOT APPOINT ANY MILITARY MAN AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT."
END TEXT.

WE ARE INFORMED THAT GENERAL VIEN TOLD THE ARVN STAFF ABOUT
THIS DECISION AT THE JGS STAFF MEETING MORNING OF MAY 8.

DECON AFTER ONE YEAR. BUNKER

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 5/8/67, 5:00 A.M.
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